

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-11 were pending in the present application. Claim 5 is canceled herein. Thus claims 6-11 are pending. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Yokota, U.S. Patent No. 6,587,787 B1. Claim 5 is canceled herein rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 6-11 are indicated allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 6 and 9 are accordingly re-written in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Therefore, claims 6 and 9 are allowable. Claims 7, 8, 10 and 11, by virtue of depending from claims 6 and 9 respectively are also allowable as indicated.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,



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